

## NEW RECORD IN EGG-LAYING

**White Leghorn Pullet Produces For Thirty-nine Consecutive Days.**

Lexington, Ky., Feb. 15.—In the national egg laying contest results announced to-day White Leghorn pens took first honors for the fifteenth week. Clarence Freeman's quintet and that of an Illinois breeder tied with twenty five eggs each. A buff orpington pen held second place with twenty four eggs and three pens tied with twenty two eggs, being white leghorns from Walnut Hall Stock Farms, L. W. Deutsch's White Wyandottes and an incognito pen of White Leghorns. Birds in the White Leghorn pens take individual honors for the week with perfect scores. One pullet from Walnut Hall, has laid an egg each day for thirty-nine consecutive days, establishing a new record.

### Mrs. R. S. Ambrose.

Mrs. R. S. Ambrose, wife of the lumberman in business here, died in Henderson county yesterday of tuberculosis. The funeral will be held Sunday afternoon.

### Exhausted Market.

Mrs. Gramercy—"I'm having the greatest difficulty in finding a new cook." Gramercy—"That doesn't surprise me in the least, my dear. You seem to have had about all the cooks there are on the market."

### Thoughtful Bobbie.

When Bobbie went to see his grandmother he was much interested in whatever went on in the kitchen. One morning she said to him: "I'm going to make you a nice little pie in a saucer, Bobbie, all for yourself. Don't you think I'm pretty good to take so much trouble?" Bobbie thought about it a moment. "Grandma," he said, "mamma told me not to be a bother, and if it's going to be any trouble you can just as well make my pie the regular size."

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## RELUCTANT CINDERELLA

By JOHN GREGORY.

"Ella Louise Gilman!" Mrs. Gilman leaned back in her rocker, dropped her sewing on her lap and looked reproachfully at her eldest. "When you think how much it would mean to the others to have you settled with your Aunt Adeline! How you can dare to look a gift horse in the face!"

Ella Lou gave a big, explosive sigh and went back to the supper dishes. Nancy and Dot were at their lessons in the sitting room, and the boys were getting in wood and kindling outdoors. She glanced out of the door to call for a pail of fresh water. Up and down the street stood rows of white mill houses, all just alike. Below the railroad tracks was the great cotton mill itself, covering acres of ground in the heart of the little New England village, dominating the whole landscape.

Ella Lou was used to it all. She had been born in the village, had worked in the mill awhile like most of the young girls, and had graduated into the office now, at eight dollars a week. It wasn't much, but, with what the boys managed to pick up at odd jobs after school, it kept them going. And they were so contented all together before Aunt Adeline's letter had come. She had never seen her mother so roused over anything. Yet it was just an offer to take Ella Lou for the winter, dress her and give her a chance to do better than she could at Millvale.

All at once there came the sound of an automobile up the hill from the railroad crossing. It turned into the mill house road and stopped before the Gilman gate. Nancy ran to open the door, and stood wide-eyed at the apparition there. It could only be Aunt Adeline.

"Well, so here you all are!" she cried. "Sue, bless you, I'm glad to be here." She bent tenderly over the invalid in the rocker.

Ella Lou's brown eyes opened as widely as Nancy's. This was not the Aunt Adeline she had always imagined, the social leader at the state capital, the one rich member of the family.

"I thought I'd better come myself," Mrs. Chalmers said. "It was a long time since I had seen you, Sue, not since I left for Europe after Nancy was born, and you have no idea how lonely it is for me in the big house now that Bob has gone. Somehow, as the years drift over us, we get a perspective on things, and begin to miss what is dearest and most precious. I'm missing companionship and love of those who really belong to me."

Ella Lou went through a curious week. Before she had been with them a day, Aunt Adeline had won over the family. But Ella Lou held aloof. At night when her mother told her what a lucky girl she was, and planned her winter ahead, she said little, but there was a sparkle of rebellion in her eyes. It was all very well for them to dispose of her like that, but she'd never leave the family. Why hadn't Aunt Adeline shown this sudden change of heart years ago?

Then, too, there was Ted. He worked in the mill, too. Ted with his hopes for their future, and his steady eighteen dollars a week that must expand into so much more before they could think of marrying.

Ted and she were talking all this over, walking slowly up the hill after the mill closed one evening. When she reached the house after them, Ella Lou's mind was made up. She went straight into the little side bedroom which she had given up for her aunt's use, and closed the door behind her, her cheeks flushed, her eyes brimming with resolution.

"Aunt Adeline, I do want to talk plainly to you so much."

"Well, go ahead, child," Mrs. Chalmers exclaimed heartily. "We'll have many a little confidence this winter, and I want you to come to me freely."

"But that's it," Ella Lou returned, eagerly. "I don't want to go, I can't go. Can't you see that it wouldn't be fair? Mother needs me here in a thousand ways. Dot's only nine and Nancy's thirteen and unreliable yet. I wouldn't be a bit happy away from them all."

"But, Ella Louise, it's your one big chance."

"I don't care. I want them to have nice things, too. You see, Aunt Adeline, all that doesn't mean as much to me—pretty clothes and riding around in the car with you, and that sort of thing."

"I'm engaged, and we've been trying to plan how we could be married, don't you know, after we had both done all we could for our families. If you really and truly want to help—"

Mrs. Chalmers' smile was reassuring. It seemed as if her eyes were just a bit misty with tears as she looked at Ella Lou's young, anxious face.

"Why can't you take mother home with you, and the girls? I'd look after the boys somehow. Ted likes them both."

"And you'd rather have Ted?"

"More than all the world."

"Ella Louise," laughed her aunt. "You make me play fairly godmother whether I meant to or not. Go ahead in your own way and get them ready. I'll do my part. You're the first Cinderella I ever knew to refuse an invitation to the ball."

Ella Lou smiled radiantly.

"My prince won't be there," she said.

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## MARDI GRAS PARTY OF NINE

**Off for New Orleans On a Tour of a Week or Ten Days.**

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Howe, A. C. Overshiner, Misses Elizabeth Daniel and Nora Golladay, of this city; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Chilton and Miss Gertie Carneal, of Pembroke, and Mrs. McElwain, of Trenton, members of the West-Elliott touring party, left this morning for New Orleans to attend the Mardi Gras. They will visit several points before their return.

Mrs. P. E. West, who intended accompanying the party on the tour, was prevented from doing so by the critical illness of her aunt, Mrs. Geo. W. Petit, of Princeton. She went as far as Guthrie with them, however, and on her return here at 10 o'clock this morning, she will go to Princeton to be at the bedside of Mrs. Petit.

### Napoleon's Second Wife.

Archduchess Maria Louise, the Hapsburg princess who was the second wife of Napoleon, was born 125 years ago. It was in 1809 that the great warrior, then at the zenith of his glory, determined to put aside Josephine and to take a new wife. He loved Josephine, tho often unfaithful to her, but she had given him no son to inherit the imperial throne. Having arrived at that decision, Napoleon proceeded with his customary ruthlessness. The civil marriage was dissolved and obsequious bishops found sufficient reasons for abrogating the religious marriage.

"The young princess," says Thiers, "was 18 years of age, of a good figure, a fair German complexion, and in the enjoyment of excellent health. She had been carefully educated, had some talent and was of a placid disposition; in short, she possessed the qualities desirable in a mother. She was surprised and pleased, but far from being dismayed at going into that France where, but lately, the monster of the revolution had devoured kings; and where a conqueror, mastering the revolutionary monster, made kings tremble in his turn. She accepted with becoming reserve, but with much delight, the brilliant lot offered her. She consented to become the consort of Napoleon and mother the heir of the greatest empire in the world."

Napoleon had little affection for Maria Louise except as the mother of his son, the ill-fated Duke de Reichstadt. When he fell she refused to accompany him to Elba, but retired to Parma with her son, having obtained, by treaty with allied Powers, the duchies of Parma and Placentia, in Italy. She died at Parma in December 1847.

### JACK STITES.

J. T. E. Stites, a well-known young lawyer of Paducah, is the second to get into the race for the Democratic nomination for Representative in McCracken county, Judge J. E. Gilbert being his only announced opponent. Mr. Stites is a Yale graduate and a relative of former Chief Justice Henry J. Stites, of the Court of Appeals. McCracken county for the first time in its history was represented by a Republican at the last session of the Legislature, but the Democrats are confident that it will not happen again.—Louisville Times.

### Magnesium In 1915.

The annual statement issued by the United States Geological Survey, Department of the Interior, on Magnesium in 1915 is now available for distribution.

### Christian Church.

Rev. F. F. Walters, Pastor. Bible School 9:30 a. m., good teacher, graded lessons and classes for all ages.

Christian Endeavor, 6 p. m. Mid-week pray meeting, Wednesday 7 p. m.

Morning Sermon 10:45, The Ethiopian Eunuch. Acts 8:36 is topic. One baptism at beginning of this service. Evening Sermon at 7 p. m. The Greeks' Desire to see Jesus, will be discussed. All invited.

### Haley-Cantrell.

Luther Haley, aged 24, and Miss Bessie Cantrell, aged 20, popular people of North Christian, were married in the city Wednesday afternoon.

## NEWS PRINT PROBE BEGINS

**To Quiz Many Witnesses.**

New York, Feb. 15.—The inquiry ordered by the department of Justice to ascertain whether there is a combination or conspiracy among manufacturers of newsprint paper to limit production and increase prices in violation of the criminal sections of the Sherman anti-trust law began before a special Federal grand jury here today. It is expected to last about six weeks. In addition to the testimony of witnesses, it is understood that letters and other documentary evidence will be laid before the grand jury. This evidence was gathered by the Federal Trade Commission and agents of the Department of Justice.

### BRIEF OF MESSAGE.

Many good and laudable things generously provided by previous Legislatures, such as enlargement of penal and eleemosynary institutions, the pensioning of Confederate veterans, increased compensation for Circuit Judges, prevention and cure of contagious diseases and various other projects absorbed more than three-fourths of the State revenue in fixed appropriations.

The consequent necessary and inevitable deficit is temporarily provided for by outstanding warrants, at this date amounting to \$3,773,715.02, which cannot be funded by legislative enactment under the Constitution.

The Constitution has been amended in order that an equitable and adequate taxing system may be devised and enacted, and the Governor expresses the belief that where hundreds of millions of hidden and intangible property have been thus placed on the tax rolls the revenues for the proper maintenance of the State Government will be secured by the imposition of a rate collectible without being confiscatory and which will relieve visible holdings from bearing a grossly inequitable share of burden.

The history of the constitutional amendment and the appointment and work of the Tax Commission appointed by the Governor are reviewed and the hope expressed that the report of the commission will form the basis for the construction for the new revenue system. The Governor especially emphasizes the nonpartisan character of the commission and its labors and express the further hope that the unity of purpose of its members may be productive of the best results, and that the Assembly may accomplish its labors with all possible speed.

### Natural Gas Report Issued.

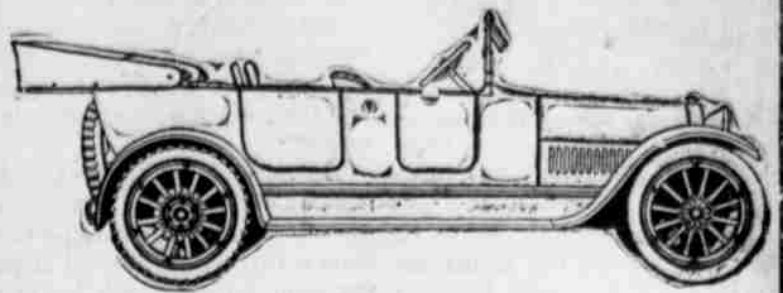
The United States Geological Survey, Department of the Interior, now has available for distribution its annual statement on Natural Gas for the year 1915.

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